

KERRY COMMENTS ON GREAT LAKES BASIN

(Mrs. MILLER of Michigan asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, on issues important to our States it is reasonable to have an expectation that a leader will speak on the issues with clarity, so that people will know where that leader actually stands. On an issue which is vitally important to my home State of Michigan as well as every State in the Great Lakes Basin, Senator John Kerry has been less than clear. The issue is the potential for diversion of the Great Lakes.

Recently the Democratic presidential nominee was asked by the Detroit Free Press where he stood on this issue and he responded: "It is a delicate balancing act that needs to focus on national priorities." What does that mean? The next day his supporters said he really did not mean what he said. For the State of Michigan, the Great Lakes State, as well as States like New York and Pennsylvania, Ohio, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana, those of us who recognize what a magnificent natural resource the Great Lakes are and what they mean to us, we need to look very closely at what Senator KERRY has in mind for us, even if this is another issue that he wants to flip-flop on. We cannot take the risk.

HONORING PRESIDENT JAMES MONROE

(Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an incredible American statesman and native of Virginia's First District, which I have the privilege of representing in this House. James Monroe was born this day in 1758 in Westmoreland County, Virginia, and spent much of his life in what is now Virginia's First Congressional District. He attended the College of William and Mary and practiced law in Fredericksburg before becoming a U.S. Senator, Minister to France, negotiator of the Louisiana Purchase in 1803 and ultimately our Nation's fifth President.

James Monroe is perhaps best remembered for his December 2, 1823 message to Congress that is now known as the Monroe Doctrine. James Monroe forged an independent American foreign policy and signaled the end of Old World colonization of the Americas.

James Monroe will forever be remembered in the hearts and minds of all Americans, but he will always have a special place for citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

CONCERNING YESTERDAY'S PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(Mr. KIRK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, yesterday a Member of Congress led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance using his own personal version. He left the phrase out "under God" from our Pledge. While he may not love "under God" in our country's pledge, God still loves him. God still loves him.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MILLER of Florida). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later today.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EXTENSION ACT OF 2004, PART II

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4219) to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 4219

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2004, Part II".

SEC. 2. ADVANCES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2(a) of the Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2003 (23 U.S.C. 104 note; 117 Stat. 1110; 118 Stat. 478) is amended by striking "and the Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2004" and inserting ", the Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2004, and the Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2004, Part II".

(b) PROGRAMMATIC DISTRIBUTIONS.—

(1) SPECIAL RULES FOR MINIMUM GUARANTEE.—Section 2(b)(4) of such Act is amended by striking "\$1,633,333,333" and inserting "\$2,100,000,000".

(2) EXTENSION OF OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGE SET-ASIDE.—Section 144(g)(3) of title 23, United States Code, is amended by striking "April 30" inserting "June 30".

(c) AUTHORIZATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORITY.—Section 1101(c)(1) of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (117 Stat. 1111; 118 Stat. 478) is amended by striking "\$18,876,841,666 for the period of October 1, 2003, through April 30, 2004" and inserting "\$24,270,225,000 for the period of October 1, 2003, through June 30, 2004".

(d) LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS.—Section 2(e) of the Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2003 (117 Stat. 1111; 118 Stat. 478) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) by striking "April 30" and inserting "June 30";

(B) in subparagraph (A) by inserting after "of 2004" the following: "and the Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2004, Part II"; and

(C) in subparagraph (B) by striking "7/12" and inserting "9/12";

(2) in paragraph (2)—

(A) by striking "April 30" and inserting "June 30";

(B) by striking "\$19,741,750,000" and inserting "\$25,382,250,000"; and

(C) by striking "\$372,750,000" and inserting "\$479,250,000"; and

(3) in paragraph (3) by striking "April 30" and inserting "June 30".

SEC. 3. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.

Section 4(a) of the Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2003 (117 Stat. 1113; 118 Stat. 479) is amended by striking "\$262,500,000" and inserting "\$337,500,000".

SEC. 4. OTHER FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAY PROGRAMS.

(a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS UNDER TITLE I OF TEA-21.—

(1) FEDERAL LANDS HIGHWAYS.—

(A) INDIAN RESERVATION ROADS.—Section 1101(a)(8)(A) of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (112 Stat. 112; 117 Stat. 1113; 118 Stat. 479) is amended—

(i) in the first sentence by striking "\$160,416,667 for the period of October 1, 2003, through April 30, 2004" and inserting "\$206,250,000 for the period of October 1, 2003, through June 30, 2004"; and

(ii) in the second sentence by striking "\$7,583,333" and inserting "\$9,750,000".

(B) PUBLIC LANDS HIGHWAYS.—Section 1101(a)(8)(B) of such Act (112 Stat. 112; 117 Stat. 1113; 118 Stat. 480) is amended by striking "\$143,500,000 for the period of October 1, 2003, through April 30, 2004" and inserting "\$184,500,000 for the period of October 1, 2003, through June 30, 2004".

(C) PARK ROADS AND PARKWAYS.—Section 1101(a)(8)(C) of such Act (112 Stat. 112; 117 Stat. 1113; 118 Stat. 480) is amended by striking "\$96,250,000 for the period of October 1, 2003, through April 30, 2004" and inserting "\$123,750,000 for the period of October 1, 2003, through June 30, 2004".

(D) REFUGE ROADS.—Section 1101(a)(8)(D) of such Act (112 Stat. 112; 117 Stat. 1113; 118 Stat. 480) is amended by striking "\$11,666,667 for the period of October 1, 2003, through April 30, 2004" and inserting "\$15,000,000 for the period of October 1, 2003, through June 30, 2004".

(2) NATIONAL CORRIDOR PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AND COORDINATED BORDER INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMS.—Section 1101(a)(9) of such Act (112 Stat. 112; 117 Stat. 1114; 118 Stat. 480) is amended by striking "\$81,666,667 for the period of October 1, 2003, through April 30, 2004" and inserting "\$105,000,000 for the period of October 1, 2003, through June 30, 2004".

(3) CONSTRUCTION OF FERRY BOATS AND FERRY TERMINAL FACILITIES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Section 1101(a)(10) of such Act (112 Stat. 113; 117 Stat. 1114; 118 Stat. 480) is amended by striking "\$22,166,667 for the period of October 1, 2003, through April 30, 2004" and inserting "\$28,500,000 for the period of October 1, 2003, through June 30, 2004".

(B) SET ASIDE FOR ALASKA, NEW JERSEY, AND WASHINGTON.—Section 5(a)(3)(B) of the Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2003 (117 Stat. 1114; 118 Stat. 480) is amended—

(i) in clause (i) by striking "\$5,833,333" and inserting "\$7,500,000";

(ii) in clause (ii) by striking "\$2,916,667" and inserting "\$3,750,000"; and

(iii) in clause (iii) by striking "\$2,916,667" and inserting "\$3,750,000".

(4) NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAYS PROGRAM.—Section 1101(a)(11) of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (112 Stat. 113;